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In the Matter of the Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above identified  
patent application, please make the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 - 15, as follows.

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Claim 1. (amended) In an [An] article of furniture having a  
top surface and an opening defined in said top surface; the  
improvement comprising a receptacle unit adapted to be mounted in  
said opening in said top surface of said article of furniture;  
said receptacle unit comprising a top and at least one sidewall  
extending downwardly from said top, said at least one sidewall  
having at least one receptacle defined therein; and means for